

The October Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, our part of the world is seeing an emerging problem for refugees turn into a crisis. Not just for the countries of Europe as they struggle to cope with a huge influx of people in difficulties, but also for the way in which our different countries work together. Much work has been done, politically and diplomatically, to attempt to build a shared concern across Europe that we would never again find ourselves at war with our neighbours in this shrinking world. It is ironic that, as we marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain in September, and also celebrate this year 70 years of work by the United Nations, we see serious divisions again between the countries of Europe as to how to handle this crisis.

It has been striking to hear on the broadcast media these last few weeks a number of people who have built up fields of expertise, or businesses, or become household names in the arts, or politics, remind us that either they or their parents came to this country as refugees. They were grateful for the chance they were given to settle here and to work. As one letter in our daily newspaper put it, “We came here destitute and fearful. But in settling and working here, and educating our children, we have given this country back three doctors, an engineer, and business success. We are eternally grateful for the opportunity, and continue to pay back with gratitude for what we have received.”

One of the people lecturing in the York Ebor lecture series last month was the Director of the United Nations Agency in the UK. She too came to Britain from Sri Lanka in childhood, but now heads up this very important work for people in many areas of need through the United Nations. One of the more sobering statistics she passed on, in answer to a question after her lecture had been delivered, was about the refugee camps in which so many people in the Middle and Near East are having to live. The British government has invested a lot of much needed money in these camps, to support people in such desperate circumstances that they have fled their homes. It is acknowledged that this is valuable support, but it is not the same as allowing people to be accommodated in more normal living conditions in another country.

Because the *average* length of time people will live in a refugee camp, once they have been taken in, is **17 years**. Can we imagine what that would be like for our family?

Britain's churches and many charities have put out messages in response to the crisis, and the need many feel to do something to help. We can, in these days when the media can so clearly and painfully let us see the suffering of so many, find it difficult to know what to do. Mostly, we are being encouraged to support those existing organisations with systems set up to help. The Diocesan website – www.westyorkshiredales.anglican.org – lists organisations for each Episcopal Area.

And we do well to remember too, as we come together in worship and prayer, how often the Bible urges us to care for people in these circumstances – the poor and the destitute, the stranger far from home, the sick and the disabled, the orphan, the widow. As we pray, we can give thanks for our own circumstances, put ourselves mentally into the position of refugee families, and see if we feel we need to do more. As we mark the end of the World War passing out of the living memory of all but a few, let us pray too that we do not allow ourselves to lose all the progress we have made in coming closer together.

Jean Bailey

OCTOBER PARISH DIARY

Thursday 1st 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer
6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 4TH EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Richard & Mrs. Jean Bailey*)
Tuesday 6th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 7th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's
6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
Thursday 8th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer

6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 11TH NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Tuesday 13th 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House*
5.00 p.m. Confirmation class
7.00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting
7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 14th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11.30 a.m. Ing's Way Lunch Day
6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
Thursday 15th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer
6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 18TH HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.00 a.m. Family and Parade Service
Tuesday 20th 10.00 a.m. Shoebox Bring & Fill day
5.00 p.m. Confirmation Class
7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in vestry
Wednesday 21st 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's
6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
Thursday 22nd 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer
6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 25TH LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Tuesday 27th 5.00 p.m. Confirmation Class
7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 28th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
7.30 p.m. Bible Study group
Thursday 29th 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

*Please note the change of date for the service at Crossley House this month.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes

This Christmas, get involved and bring joy and hope to refugees

This year Samaritans' Purse wants to send thousands of extra Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to refugees from Syria in existing camps in Northern Iraq and across Europe. They have been meeting critical needs of refugees from Syria over the last two years, providing food, shelter, aid and spiritual support to those still in the Middle East. And they also have a multinational team in Hungary, Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia and Greece to meet the immediate needs of the hundreds of thousands of refugees streaming through Europe.

The need is urgent, especially amongst the children.

“Infants are wrapped in plastic bags to protect them from the rain. Clothing is inadequate for the current temperature and the looming drop in temperature which will follow in the next few weeks. Soon it will not be possible for people to sleep outdoors as they will be at significant risk of hypothermia; particularly infants, young children and the elderly.”

- Dr Nathalie McDermott at the Northern Macedonian/Serbian Border.

Together with local church partners they will be distributing over 3,000 food packs to refugees in the Balkans. In addition, they would like to bring some Christmas joy to children who have fled with their families and have nothing. It can't be guaranteed which boxes will go to refugees, but all boxes will go to children in great need.

Our campaign at St. Saviour's got underway last month with the arrival of empty shoeboxes and on **Tuesday 20th October** we are holding a “Bring and Fill” day from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. when we will be filling the boxes with donated items we have collected. All are welcome to come and join us for all or part of the time. Please bring your own packed lunch - drinks will be provided and cakes will be on sale to go towards the cost of sending the boxes. Dorothy will bless the completed boxes in Sunday 1st November, before they set off on their journey. So please bring in your boxes, items to go in boxes or cash donations before then.

October 31st: All Hallows' Eve – or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged. When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches rode about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

Ghost stories

"I'm a great lover of ghost stories."

"So am I, pal. Let's shake."

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Notes on St. Saviour's Organ

Bob Baker.

An historic organ in a modern church! In this modern age of many instances of churches disposing of venerable pipe organs in favour of 'electronics', some of which are good, but rarely as satisfying as the 'real thing', we are indeed lucky to possess a 19th. Century instrument with a fine tone and in good condition.

For the purposes of this short article, I am outlining the history of this organ. Happily, the plaque now affixed was transferred by the organ builder when the instrument was erected in St. Saviours. The organ was originally built for St. Chrysostom's, Bolton Road, Bradford, but was fortunately removed for storage when the church was demolished in the early 1950's.

The organ was built by Driver & Haigh, Bradford, who were in existence until 1982, and until recently there was a small photograph of their derelict building on the Internet; however, I am unable to find this now. A 'Driver & Haigh' nameplate is attached to the console, not, however the original as ours is Bakelite or plastic. Unfortunately, the original organ case, which contained the present console no longer exists.

The organ is a 2-manual and pedal tracker action (mechanical), and would have originally been hand-blown.

I have been able to find some information regarding the donor, who made a donation in memory of her husband.

Nathan Atkinson was born in Shipley in 1823, and baptized at St. Peter's Church Bradford, now the Cathedral. He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Atkinson, and was married on the 5th. August 1874, to Sarah Ann Jennings at St. Peter's. Nathan Atkinson was a wholesale tea dealer in Bradford and during his later life became an Alderman for the North Ward of the city.

(More information from Ancestry).

The Rev. John Jolly also appears to have led an interesting life: born about 1846 at Oving, Buckinghamshire, he was the son of John (farmer of 170 acres, employing 6 labourers), and Charlotte. They also had 2 daughters and 4 or 5 other sons. The younger John was a grocer's apprentice, living at Oving Farm in 1861, but by 1871 was 'General Baptist Minister', boarding with Betsy Swan, wife of a mariner, who also had a daughter. In the next Census, he was a Baptist Minister at Boston, Lincs, and listed as a widower. By 1891, he was Vicar of St. Chrystotom's Mission Church, Bradford North, and by 1901 was married to Mary, with 4 sons. John Jolly's son born 1883, in the 1901 Census, is Vicar of 'established' Church, Pershore Road, Birmingham, my home town!

The present St. James' Church on Bolton Road is an amalgamation of the two churches.

Marriage

I never married because there was no need. I have three pets at home which answer the same purpose as a husband. I have dog which growls every morning, a parrot which swears all afternoon, and a cat that comes home late at night." Marie Corelli.

Growing up

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

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Christmas Fair

Looking ahead to next month, we will be having all the fun of the fair on **Saturday 14th November** from 2 to 4.30 p.m. when we hold our Christmas Fair. There will be the usual stalls - cakes and home produce, gifts, cards and wrapping paper, bottles, tombola etc. and our Grand Christmas Raffle. The Scout group will, hopefully, be providing some games to keep the children (young and old!) amused and we have asked Santa if he could possibly find time in his busy schedule to pay us a visit. Do, please, come and join us.

Confirmation

We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Toby Howarth to St. Saviour's on **Sunday 15th November** to preside at the Confirmation Service at 10.00 a.m. We currently have 4 candidates, and others would be most welcome. Dorothy will start confirmation classes on 13th October, so if you would like to be included, please have a word with her.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be on **Sunday 18th October** at 10.00 a.m. We would welcome your gifts of tinned, dried or non-perishable food to go to the Bradford Food Bank. We regularly support the Food Bank with donations of food throughout the year, but we like to make a special effort at Harvest Time, to enable them to build up a much-needed stock before the winter. In a recent letter, they wrote:

"We continue to be astounded by the generosity of the people of Bradford. The donations of both food and money come from individuals, companies, schools, places of worship of every denomination, many of whom donate on a regular basis. We could not offer the services we give without the help of all these kind people and our wonderful volunteers who do an amazing job and turn up regularly regardless of the weather.

*You will find more information on our website.
www.bradfordfoodbank.com*

Gathered in

All is safely gathered in
Frozen, cured or sealed in tin,
Then sent quickly off to store,
Tesco, Aldi, many more.

There the seasons are no more
As they were in days of yore,
Summer fruits in winter days,
Far away they're grown and raised.

Autumn treats in Spring to choose
And even more exotic foods,
Things we never knew when young
Brought to us from lands far flung.

All to satisfy our taste,
Tons of which will go to waste,
And supermarket shelves to fill,
Yet millions are starving still.

So just remember while you feast
On food from north, south, west and east
And celebrating this harvest
To spare a thought for those with less.

By Allan Lewis

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Halloween costumes

My six-year-old son was excited about choosing his Halloween costume. "I'm going to be the Pope," he announced proudly.

"But Ian, you can't be the Pope. You're not Catholic," I explained. "You're Church of England."

My son was silent for a few moments, while he considered his alternatives. "Well, is Dracula Church of England?"

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46TH Bradford North Scout Group

LEADER and YOUNG PERSONS FORUM – Saturday 19th September

Leaders and young people from across the District met at Blackhills on a gloriously sunny day to discuss the future of Scouting. It was a great chance to share ideas and to plan together. Thirty plus Beavers, Cubs and Scouts aired their views – they found it really difficult to identify areas of Scouting they didn't like (this must be a good sign!). After the forum the youngsters were able to have a go at climbing on the wall and played on the junior adventure playground.

During the afternoon Wayne Bulpitt, Chief Commissioner for UK Scouting, joined us. He gave a speech about the future of Scouting and why it had been decided to change the badges in a move to bring everything up to date. He officially opened a new bouldering wall dedicated to several long-serving scouters who have passed away in recent years. He also dedicated the climbing wall and opened a new Wardens building.

EMERGENCY AID / PERSONAL SAFETY ACTIVITY BADGES

The Cubs have been busy engaging in first aid training. This involves them knowing what to do at the scene of an accident, learning about how to call for help and not putting themselves in any danger. They have practised putting an injured person into the recovery position whilst awaiting the paramedics. We have also shown them how to deal with burns, scalds and bleeding and other minor injuries. They have practised putting on slings and bandages and some have had a go at CPR.

For the Personal Safety badge the Cubs need to be able to identify dangers in the home, at camp, in the garden, playground and other locations. They must show that they can use the Water Safety and Firework Code. We also cover *stranger danger*, Childline, and esafety issues.

MINISTRY OF FOOD

Young people in our Explorer section visited Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food on September 21st. They learned about food, where it comes

from, how to cook it and how it affects their bodies. The resources and recipes equip children with the knowledge and confidence to cook from scratch, as well as forming positive eating habits that will last a lifetime. They made a 'quick' burger as well as having the opportunity to plan menus for camp and in particular ideas for cooking over an open fire.

DISTRICT BADGE WEEKEND

From Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will be able to earn several activity and Challenge badges at a District camp which is taking place at Blackhills Scout Camp in Cottingley. The Cubs will be able to choose from Athletics, Backwoods Cooking, Chef, DIY, Naturalist and Air Activities. For Scouts there will be Emergency Aid, Forestry, Pioneering, and Master at Arms (Archery & Rifle Shooting leadership). Explorers will be helping out with several bases (towards their leadership challenges) and also doing Master at Arms, Paddle Sports at Doe Park. Forestry and Camp Cook. Our youngest members, the Beavers, are joining us on Saturday. They will all complete the Outdoor Challenge and Imagination and Adventure Activity Badges. Additionally the climbing wall will be available. There will also be a night hike, campfire, Scout's Own (religious service) on Sunday and wide games. Those staying for the weekend are camping in tents so let's hope that the weather stays dry at least—(the appearance of the sun would help but is not essential!) – to enable us all to get the most out of the weekend.

BEV HOWARD

Group Scout Leader

A Victorian Military Bible From India.

Ian Mc Alpine.

Nearly 40 years ago when I was an undergraduate at Manchester I used to frequent a very scruffy second-hand book shop near the University. The object of this was supposedly to find books for my studies but I usually ended up with something far more interesting! One day late in 1975 I discovered the shattered remains of a small Bible whose detached tooled leather front cover showed that it had been issued by the Naval and Military Bible Society. A label inside revealed that the Society had been founded in 1789 and that its pocket-sized Bibles had cost 2s 7d (about 13p) to produce. However, the Society very generously sold them to soldiers and sailors for only 1s 6d (7 ½p) thereby making a considerable loss from their enterprise. The Bible originally had two brass clasps one of which was missing. The back cover had gone as well and the book had actually split in half down the spine at Job 19. In other words it was a complete wreck!

The title page told me that the Bible was printed by the royal printers Eyre and Spottiswoode in 1842, early in the reign of Queen Victoria. But most interestingly the yellowed end-paper carried this inscription which I illustrate:-

HM 25th Foot
No 8 Compy
Pte Jno Oswell
Issued at Cannanore
on 12th July, 1845.

The asking price was just 6p so needless to say I bought it!

Clearly the little book had a story to tell and I recently decided to investigate. The main problem was deciphering the place name Cannanore and I have only just been able to do this. Research using the internet and my various atlases revealed that Cannanore was on the south-west coast of India! Of course the British had maintained a strong military presence in India since the late 18th century. During the Victorian period the sub-continent was regarded as the jewel in the crown of the British Empire and Queen Victoria was proclaimed

Empress of India at Delhi in 1877. India remained part of the Empire until as recently as 1947 and the Latin title "Ind[iae] Imp[erator]" - Emperor of India - appeared on our coinage until the following year. However the behaviour of the British towards the Indian people in the 19th century was often dreadful, the worst instance being the brutal and ruthless suppression of the Indian Mutiny of 1857.

Further investigation revealed that the British had captured Cannanore (originally called Kannur) after a three-day siege in December 1790. Significantly to this story it later became the British military headquarters on India's west coast until 1887. During the 19th century it was the third largest city on the west coast of British India after Bombay and Karachi.

Oswell's regiment, the 25th Foot, was the county regiment of Sussex from 1782 to 1805 before its recruiting area was moved to the Scottish Borders region. From then it was known as the King's Own Borderers, becoming the King's Own Scottish Borderers in 1887. The 25th Foot had been stationed at Cannanore since December 1839 and appears to have remained there until at least June 1855. It seems unlikely that Oswell was involved in the terrible events of 1857 since the Mutiny had little effect on south-west India.

And so the little Bible must have been taken, along with hundreds of others, in a sailing ship from southern England to the west coast of India - probably to Cannanore itself - around 1844. And on 12th July 1845 it was given, presumably by an officer in Victoria's Indian army, to Private John Oswell of Her Majesty's 25th Foot, 8th Company. No doubt many other Bibles were issued to the soldiers at Cannanore on the same day. 12th July 1845 was a Saturday so Oswell probably used his new Bible for the first time at a service the following day. I wonder what he made of the Indian climate which would have been so different from what he was used to in northern Britain.

Presumably Oswell came home eventually and his Bible somehow turned up in a shop on Oxford Road in Manchester nearly 40 years ago. And here it is, totally beyond economical restoration, with me in Bradford on New Year's Day 2014! Amazing how these old Bibles survive, isn't it?

Notes from the PCC

The PCC met on Tuesday 15th September after the summer break. The lengthy process for obtaining the grant money to enable us to do the work needed in church continues. We have applied to the Diocese for a Faculty to give us permission to carry out the works and we were successful in this. We now have to comply with the procedures for finalising this, which involves displaying the notice for 28 days to give people time to object if they so wish. Providing no such objections are received, we can then proceed to get permission to start the work from English Heritage, but as much of the work is external and we are approaching the colder months, it is likely work will not start until next year. Again, we must thank James Muff for the considerable amount of work he has done and continues to do on this project. I don't think any of us anticipated just how much would be involved.

We were sad to learn from our cleaners, Hazel and Raymond Town, that they have decided to hang up their mops and buckets. They have been quietly and unobtrusively keeping our church and hall clean for many years - even continuing when they moved to Keighley - and we are truly grateful for the hard work they have put in. We wish them all the best for the future.

As the "new" Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales is still evolving and trying to decide how it will organise itself, we have been asked by the Acting Archdeacon, the Revd. Alistair Helm, to consider proposals for how deaneries should be organised in the future. Our Deanery Representatives, Jean Bailey and Ian McAlpine, will report back to the next Synod with our thoughts.

We are delighted that Jean Bailey, a licensed Reader, will at last be licensed here at St. Saviour's, to Dorothy, rather than generally to the Diocese as previously. Jean has been working here and supporting us for many years, but as we haven't had our "own" vicar for quite some time, has been unable to be licensed here. That has all changed with Dorothy's arrival and Jean will be legally transferred shortly.

Hilary Davis - PCC Secretary

October Roll of Remembrance

1st	George Singleton	(1945)
	Albert Edward Nichols	(1967)
2nd	Ethel Butterfield	(1979)
	Bernard John Lowde	(2003)
3 rd	Ethel Rhodes	(1981)
4th	Ivy Sollis	(2001)
5th	Francis Garbutt	(1978)
	Arthur Marlow	(1942)
8th	Lucy Alice Holdsworth	(1973)
9th	Tommy Smith	(1981)
10th	Ronald Brown	(1990)
12th	Dorothy M. Larking	(1974)
13th	Doris Hester	(1984)
14th	Betty Presland	(2000)
	Josephine Lowde	(2003)
16th	William Preston	(1980)
20th	Sidney Holgate	(1980)
21st	Alice Hartley	(1979)
26th	Ida Emsley	(1987)
28th	Win Brooksbank	(1999)
31st	Arthur Chilvers	(1982)

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